

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

Mayor Bernard called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Council Present: Councilors Barnes, Collette, Loomis, and Stone.

Staff Present: City Manager Mike Swanson, Community Development/Public Works Director Kenny Asher, and Engineering Director Paul Shirey.

Clackamas County Capital Improvement Plan Update

Shari Gilevich, Clackamas County Senior Planner, provided an overview of the County's biennial update of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and discussed those projects that would impact Milwaukie's transportation system. She discussed the point system that prioritized projects based on safety, capacity, economic development potential, coordination with other projects on the regional plan, and pedestrian/bike projects. The result was a list of projects based on near-, intermediate-, and long-term needs for the 20-year plan with the near-term projects programmed for the initial five years. There was little money this year for construction of new projects. Projects that would impact Milwaukie were Harmony Road, the West Sunnybrook Extension, and the Sunrise Corridor.

Mayor Bernard noted a number of years ago the City of Milwaukie requested that the Harmony Road project be removed because it took out two blocks of the Cedarcrest Neighborhood and put a bridge over the railroad tracks. The Linwood Neighborhood was very concerned about the project.

Ms. Gilevich did not know how it would impact the neighborhood, but it was a major project that moved a lot of traffic to Hwy 224. It had been removed from the project list for a time, but it was such a high need area that it was put forward for analysis.

Councilor Stone thought it was originally coordinated with light rail and development of a park-and-ride. That was a major assault on the neighborhood and would have taken a lot of land to build the park-and-ride.

Mr. Shirey recommended that the Linwood Neighborhood Association and staff be identified as stakeholders. It was a large pinch point, and there was a safety issue with the grade crossing. An over-crossing would take care of the problem but should not be at the expense of homes in Milwaukie.

Councilor Barnes commented on the school buses that had to stop at the railroad tracks and the amount of traffic generated by employees leaving work on International Way.

Ms. Gilevich understood the City Council felt the County's moving forward with an analysis was a good thing, and those present agreed.

Councilor Collette thought Clackamas Community College should be included in the list of stakeholders as that campus was significant in its long-term plans.

Ms. Gilevich discussed the Sunnybrook extension that was funded by tax increment financing and would be coordinated with the Harmony Road improvements. She commented on paying off the bonds for the Sunnyside Road improvements.

Mr. Shirey suggested that the County project manager discuss the Sunrise Corridor and its impacts on Hwy 224 with the City Council.

Councilor Collette expressed concern for those downstream neighborhoods such as Historic Milwaukie and Hector Campbell that incurred the traffic impacts.

Mayor Bernard added the money secured by Congressman Blumenauer was to analyze the impacts along the corridor and specifically the trucking industry.

Councilor Collette noted some of the most congested industrial areas were not addressed by the Sunrise Plan and would fail a traffic analysis. She was mainly concerned about Hwy 224 and what it would unload on Milwaukie.

Mr. Shirey said the City was in the midst of trying to determine how Harrison, Oak, and Monroe Streets all worked with background increases and developability of land. The impacts needed to be adequately identified and analyzed.

Councilor Collette commented that it seemed like most of the County's CIP money was going to the Sunrise Corridor and thought other communities needed to get involved so all the funds did not go to that project.


Mayor Bernard said that issue was being discussed at the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4).

Ms. Gilevich would talk with County staff about Harmony Road and make sure the neighborhoods were included.

Information Sharing

Mayor Bernard recently attended a meeting of the Regional Partners on Economic Development. He understood at last week's Clackamas Cities Dinner that the Qwest issue had been resolved and asked that staff confirm that. He commented on the Homewood Park dedication in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood. He met with a developer who was willing to partner with Wal-Mart, TriMet, and Metro to develop the former Goodwill site.

Mayor Bernard adjourned the work session at 6:03 p.m.


 Pat DuVal, Recorder